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SUBJECT: MARTIAL ARTS TROUPE VISAS

REF: STATE 118603

1. USLO REGRETS IT DID NOT FOCUS ON THE FACT THAT SPORTS
FEDERATION MARTIAL ARTS TROUPE HAD NOT APPLIED FOR VISAS
BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE.

2. WE WERE UNAWARE THAT ITS ITINERARY TO MEXICO WOULD

REQUIRE THEM TO TRANSIT THE US UNTIL USLO OFFICER LEARNED
OF PY DURING CASUAL CONVERSATION WITH DELEGATION LEADER
AT PEKING AIRPORT UPON THE TROUPE'S DEPARTURE.

3. ON JUNE 6 USLO OFFICER SPOKE TO THE CONSULAR DEPARTMENT
INTERPRETER AND READ HIM THE FOLLOWING:

QUOTE: THE LIAISON OFFICE WISHES TO BRING TO THE
ATTENTION OF THE CONSULAR DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS THE FACT THAT ALL CITIZENS OF THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF CHINA TRAVELLING TO OR THROUGH THE UNITED
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STATES REQUIRE VISAS. THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICE OF THE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS INFORMED THE LIAISON OFFICE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE MARTIAL ARTS (WU SHQ) GROUP SPONSORED BY THE ALL CHINA SPORTS FEDERATION WHICH DEPARTED JUNE 3 FOR MEXICO TRANSITTED THE UNITED STATES VIA HONOLULU AND LOS ANGELES, BUT DID NOT POSSESS THE REQUIRED VISAS. SINCE THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES LEARNED OF THE GROUP'S ITINERARY ONLY AFTER IT WAS EN ROUTE TO HAWAII SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WERE REQUIRED. AS A SPECIAL FAVOR THE

AUTHORITIES WERE ABLE TO FACILITATE THEIR PASSAGE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE GROUP WILL RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES FROM MEXICO FOR PERFORMANCES IN HONOLULU, SAN FRANCISCO, NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON. THE CONSULAR DEPARTMENT IS ASKED TO ADDRESS ITS REQUEST FOR VISAS FOR THE GROUP TO THE LIAISON OFFICE. UNQUOTE.

4. THE INTERPRETER READ BACK THE MESSAGE AND SAID THAT HE WOULD REPORT IT TO HIS SUPERIORS.
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